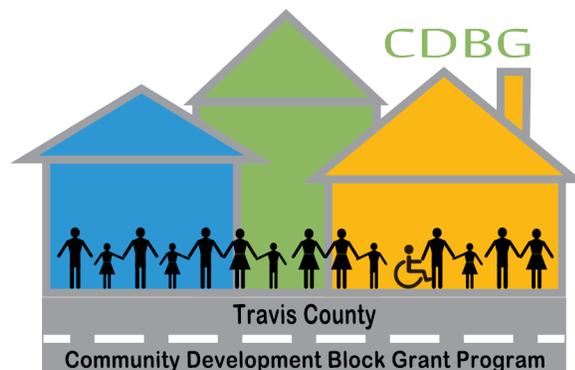


PY15

TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS

SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENTS TO THE PY15 ACTION PLAN



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I. Introduction

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) initiative is a federal grant program administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The program provides annual grants to cities and counties to carry out a variety of community development activities aimed at revitalizing neighborhoods, improving affordable housing options, and providing improved community facilities and services. Since 2006, Travis County has received CDBG funds from HUD on an annual basis.

The administration of the CDBG program follows a cycle that includes the drafting of a Consolidated Plan, an Action Plan, and an annual evaluation. The Consolidated Plan identifies the County's community and housing needs and outlines the strategies to address those needs over a five-year period. The Action Plan defines the specific activities and projects to be undertaken during each program year. The annual evaluation assesses yearly accomplishments.

According to Travis County's Citizen Participation Plan as required by HUD rules, a substantial amendment is required if any of the changes represent 1) a change in the location or beneficiaries of a project proposed under the Consolidated Plan or Action Plan; 2) a change in the scope of the project by more than 25%; or 3) a change in the funding of a new project that was not originally subject.

Travis County is proposing to amend its Program Year 2015 (PY15) Action Plan.

II. Public Engagement

During the week of June 6, 2016 Travis County published a Public Notice announcing the availability of the draft Substantial Amendment, the public comment period, and the public hearings at Travis County Commissioners Court. The notice appeared in several area newspapers of general circulation. Copies of the notices may be found in *Appendix A* (English) and *Appendix B* (Spanish). Public notices were also posted at the seven Travis County Community Centers, on the Travis County Website, the HHS/VS Department webpage, the CDBG website (English and Spanish.) Email and postal mail notices were provided to people who attended public hearings previously or who requested to be on the notification list.

Travis County HHS/VS drafted the Substantial Amendment and presented it to the Travis County Commissioners Court on June 21, 2016. The Substantial Amendment was posted for public review and written comments prior to final approval by the Travis County Commissioners Court.

The comment period was held from June 27, 2016 to July 26, 2016. Additionally, public hearings were held at Travis County Commissioners Court on June 28, 2016 and July 12, 2016. The public had the opportunity to submit comments in writing via email or postal mail, or verbally at the public hearing.

The draft Substantial Amendment was posted on the Travis County CDBG website (www.co.travis.tx.us/CDBG), and copies of the document were available for review at the seven Travis County Community Centers.

III. Amendments to the PY15 Action Plan

The Program Year 2015 (PY15) Action Plan covers the time period from October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016. Travis County Commissioners Court approved projects for inclusion in the PY15 Action Plan on June 2, 2015. Travis County’s CDBG allocation for PY15 is \$1,075,760.

PY15 Alternate Projects

The PY15 Action Plan includes approved alternate projects. The inclusion of alternate projects allows for flexibility in the event of unforeseen incidents, and allows the CDBG program to utilize any unspent PY15 project savings in a timely manner by reprogramming them to an approved alternate project. Three additional alternate projects are being proposed as part of the Substantial Amendment to the PY15 Action Plan. Project details follow.

Alternate Project # 1: Land Acquisition for Affordable Housing Development—up to \$500,000

Project Description: This project would provide funds to a subrecipient (to be identified) for the purpose of developing affordable housing in the CDBG service area. The funds could be used for leverage funding for a project with multiple funding streams, or used as sole funding for lot purchase. The land purchased could be used for the development of either rental or owner occupied affordable housing. A subrecipient will be identified through an RFS process. Once the subrecipient identifies a parcel for purchase and a plan for development, the project would go out for public comment.

Figure 1: Alternate Project 1 – General Project Information	
CDBG Funding	Up to \$500,000
Leverage Funding	TBD
Program Delivery	TBD
Program Oversight	Travis County Health and Human Services & Veteran Services
Expected Start/Completion Date	October 2016-TBD
Location	CDBG Service Area

Figure 2: Alternate Project 1 – Priority and Performance Measurement Information (HUD-prescribed)

Priority Need Category	Housing	Project	Land Acquisition for Affordable Housing
Eligible Activity	Land Acquisition	Outcome Category	Affordability
Objective Category	Decent Housing	Specific Objective	Provide land for development of affordable housing
Citation	§ 570.201 (a)	Accomplishment	TBD
Eligibility	LMH	Matrix Code	1
Priority in the 2014-2018 Strategic Plan	High	Travis County SAP #	TBD

Alternate Project # 2: Owner Occupied Septic System Program – up to \$500,000

Project Description: This project would provide a grant of up to \$24,999 to eligible homeowners in the CDBG service area for activities related to repair or replacement of failing or non-compliant on-site sewage systems. The program would be administered by Meals and Wheels and More. Some of the allocation will be used for project delivery incurred by the subrecipient and to partially fund a CDBG planner position to complete environmental reviews, final inspections and sign off, and any other needed project delivery related costs.

Figure 3: Alternate Project 2 – General Project Information

CDBG Funding	Up to \$500,000
Leverage Funding	To be determined
Program Delivery	Meals on Wheels and More, Inc.
Program Oversight	Travis County Health and Human Service & Veteran Services

Estimated Start/ Completion Date	October 1, 2016 - September 30, 2017
Location	Eligible homes in the unincorporated areas of Travis County and the Village of Webberville

Figure 4: Alternate Project 2 – Priority and Performance Measurement Information (HUD–prescribed)

Priority Need Category	Owner Occupied Housing	Project	Owner Occupied Septic System Program
Eligible Activity	Rehabilitation	Outcome Category	Availability/ Accessibility
Objective Category	Decent Housing	Specific Objective	Improve the quality of owner housing
Citation	§570.202	Accomplishment	TBD
Eligibility	LMH	Matrix Code	14A, Rehabilitation, Single Unit Residential
Priority in the 2014-2018 Strategic Plan	High	Travis County SAP #	TBD

Alternate Project #3: PY15 Disaster Response, Interim Assistance – up to \$100,000

Project Description: Since 2011, Travis County has increasingly experienced disasters either from flooding or wildfires. In an effort to facilitate a quick response, this alternate project is available to enact, should it be needed. HUD has provided specific guidance about interim assistance and disaster response activities. Below is a summary that explains when and under what conditions these types of activities qualify for CDBG funds.

Activities:

The types of activities that may be considered are repairing streets, sidewalks, publically owned utilities, and public buildings (excluding parks or playgrounds); special garbage, trash or debris removal; and clearing of streets (e.g, of snow, debris, etc.).

Additional Considerations:

- The County Judge of the Travis County must determine that the situation is emergency in nature and requires immediate attention, and it must address a state or federally declared disaster.
- Repairs must not alter environmental conditions (e.g., does not affect historic properties, does not involve work on structures within a floodplain, does not involve a hazardous site, is not next to a hazardous site, does not impact critical habitat of endangered species, and does not alter a building’s footprint); and
- Repairs are limited to protection, repair, or restoration activities necessary to control or stop the effects of the disaster or imminent threat to public safety, and don’t include new additions, relocation, etc., but do include making repairs to damaged structures or restoring essential community services and related utilities and facilities to their condition before the disaster (without significant capacity changes).
- When using the urgent need national objective, the grantee must certify it is unable to finance the activity on its own and other sources of funds are not available. If the repairs are FEMA eligible, staff will need to verify that FEMA will accept CDBG as matching funds.
- The level of environmental review must be Exempt or Categorical Excluded.
- The repairs are restricted to the CDBG service area.

This project will use one of two National Objectives for this project. If the area qualifies as low-to-moderate income, it will use the Low to Moderate Income Area (LMA) Benefit as the national objective. If not, the project will use the urgent need national objective.

The work will be completed by county employees and/or contractors and will be overseen by one of the following County Departments: Travis County Transportation and Natural Resources Department, Health and Human Services and Veterans Service, or Emergency Services.

Figure 5: General Project Information	
CDBG Funding:	Up to \$100,000
Leverage Funding:	TBD – FEMA likely
Program Delivery:	Contractor and/or Travis County Staff
Program Oversight:	Health and Human Services and Veterans Service, Transportation and Natural Resources, or Emergency Services

Figure 5: General Project Information

Estimated Start/Completion Date:	TDB
Location:	Unincorporated Travis County (wherever a disaster may occur). More detailed information will be provided, if the project is needed.

Figure 6: Priority and Performance Measurement Information (HUD-prescribed)

Priority Need Category:	Infrastructure or Public Facility	Project:	Disaster Response
Eligible Activity:	Interim Activity	Outcome Category:	Availability/ Accessibility
Objective Category:	Suitable Living Environment	Specific Objective:	Address health and safety conditions to create a suitable living environment after a state or federally declared disaster.
Citation:	570.201(f)	Accomplishment:	TBD
Eligibility:	LMA or URG	Matrix Code:	06
Priority in the 2014-2018 Strategic Plan:	High / Infrastructure Low / Public Facility	Travis County SAP #:	TBD

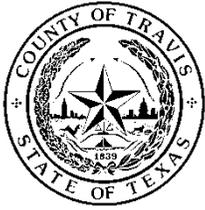
Results of Participation Process

The draft substantial amendment was posted for public comment from June 27 to July 26, 2016.

Summary of Public Comments Received during Public Comment Period

The draft Substantial Amendment to the PY15 Action Plan was posted for comment from June 27, 2016-July 26, 2016. Two comments were received at the public hearings at Commissioners Court. One comment related to the need for additional funding for affordable housing in Travis County. One

comment related to the need to not duplicate counts of households receiving assistance through both the homeowner repair program and the septic system program. For a full transcription of the comments please refer to the PY16 Action Plan, Appendix A: Public Participation.



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TRAVIS COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

INVITATION TO COMMENT ON THE PY16 ACTION PLAN & SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE PY15 ACTION PLAN

Travis County is eligible to receive an estimated \$1,087,585 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to benefit Travis County low-to moderate-income residents who live in the unincorporated areas of the county or the Village of Webberville. The funds are for Program Year 2016 (PY16), October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017. An Annual Action Plan has been drafted detailing how the funds will be spent in PY16.

Additionally, Travis County is proposing to substantially amend the PY15 Action Plan to include two alternate projects, to allow for efficient reprogramming of funds as needed.

You can comment on the proposed PY16 Action Plan and the proposed Substantial Amendment by attending one of two public hearings or by sending your comments in writing via postal mail or e-mail.

COMMENT PERIOD AND DRAFT DOCUMENT

Comments will be accepted for 30 days beginning June 27, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. and ending July 26, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. Beginning June 27, 2016, drafts of the proposed Action Plan and related summaries will be available for download on the Travis County CDBG webpage at: <https://www.traviscountytexas.gov/cdbg> or available for review at any of the seven Travis County Community Centers:

Travis County Community Center at Del Valle	3518 FM 973, Del Valle, TX 78617
Travis County Community Center at Pflugerville	15822 Foothills Farm Loop, Bldg. D, Pflugerville, TX 78660
Travis County Community Center at Oak Hill	8656-A Hwy 71 W., Suite A, Austin, TX 78735
Travis County Community Center at Jonestown	18649 FM 1431, Jonestown, TX 78645
Travis County Community Center at Manor	600 W. Carrie Manor, Manor, TX 78653
Travis County Community Center at Palm Square	100 N. IH-35, Suite 1000, Austin, TX 78701
Travis County Community Center at Post Road	2201 Post Road, Suite 101, Austin, TX 78704

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The public can provide comments by attending one of the Public Hearings scheduled for **Tuesday, June 28, 2016 at 9:00 AM** or **Tuesday, July 12, 2016 at 9:00 AM** at Travis County, Commissioners Courtroom, 700 Lavaca, Austin, TX.

MAILING YOUR COMMENTS

The public can also mail their comments to: CDBG Program, Travis County, HHSVS, P.O. Box 1748, Austin, TX 78767 or e-mail them to the CDBG program at cdbg@traviscountytexas.gov.



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EL PROGRAMA DE SUBSIDIOS GLOBALES DE DESARROLLO
COMUNITARIO (CDBG) DEL CONDADO DE TRAVIS

INVITACIÓN PARA COMENTAR SOBRE EL PLAN DE ACCIÓN AP16 y ENMIENDA SUBSTANCIAL AL PLAN DE ACCIÓN AP15

El Condado de Travis está calificado para recibir una suma estimada de \$1,075,760 en fondos del Programa de Subsidio Globales para el Desarrollo Comunitario (CDBG) del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los Estados Unidos (HUD) destinados a beneficiar residentes de ingresos bajos o medianos que residen en las áreas no incorporadas del condado o en la Villa de Webberville. Los fondos son para el año programático de 2016 (AP16), el cual cubre desde el 1 de octubre de 2016 al 30 de septiembre de 2017. Un plan de acción anual ha sido redactado detallando cómo se usarán los fondos durante el AP16.

Adicionalmente, Travis County está proponiendo una enmienda substancial al Plan de Acción del AP15 para añadir dos proyectos alternativos, para poder reprogramar fondos eficientemente si se necesitan.

Usted puede comentar sobre el Plan de Acción propuesto para AP16 y sobre las Rectificaciones Substanciales atendiendo una de las dos audiencias públicas o sometiendo sus comentarios por escrito por correo postal o a través de correo electrónico (e-mail).

PERÍODO DE COMENTARIO Y DOCUMENTO PRELIMINAR

Los comentarios públicos se aceptarán por un período de 30 días a partir del 27 de junio de 2016 a las 8:00 a.m. hasta el 26 de julio de 2016 a las 5:00 p.m. A partir del 27 de junio de 2016, borradores del plan de acción, de las rectificaciones substanciales, y resúmenes relacionados serán disponibles para descargar en la página de internet de CDBG del Condado de Travis en: <https://www.traviscountytexas.gov/health-human-services/cdbg>, o en uno de los siguientes siete centros comunitarios del Condado de Travis:

Travis County Community Center at Del Valle	3518 FM 973, Del Valle, TX 78617
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AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA

El público puede presentar sus comentarios asistiendo a cualquiera de dos audiencias públicas planificadas para el **martes, 28 de junio de 2016 a las 9:00 AM** y el **martes, 12 de julio de 2016 a las 9:00 AM** en la sala de justicia de los Comisionados del Condado de Travis, ubicada en 700 Lavaca, Austin, TX.

ENVÍO DE COMENTARIOS

El público puede enviar sus comentarios por correo postal a la dirección: CDBG Program, Travis County HHSVS P.O. Box 1748, Austin, TX 78767 o por e-mail a: cdbg@traviscountytexas.gov.

El Condado de Travis está comprometido a cumplir con la Ley de Americanos con Discapacidades (ADA) y con la Sección 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitación de 1973, según su enmienda. Al solicitarlo, se proporcionarán modificaciones razonables e igual acceso a comunicaciones.

Si necesita ayuda, por favor llame al 512-854-3465.